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## *Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday* **October 9, 2022**



*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Psalm 126.6*

**10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (The Book of Alternative Services)**

Celebrant:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Preacher:	The Reverend Armand Mercier
Crucifer:	Keith Spencer
Reader:	Heather Looy
Sidespersons:	Ron and Barb Norton
Organist:	Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts:	Heather Taylor and Ven. Sue

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Douglas and Elizabeth Lunn from their children and grandchildren.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude: Awake M Heart with Gladness (Koesche)

Processional Hymn #399 Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that  
we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your  
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God (Taize)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, gloria, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all  
things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and  
steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human  
family, today and in generations to come, may with us give  
thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ the Lord **Amen.**

Children's Talk

### ***The Proclamation of the Word***

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you  
as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall  
take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest  
from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it  
in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a  
dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that

time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 100

**Refrain:**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with  
gladness. Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Come to this place with a song!**

Know that your God has made you. Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise,  
worship your God with a song!

Enter these gates thanksgiving. Enter these court with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless this holy name,  
worship your God with a song!

Ages thro' endless ages, seasons of endless years. 'The love of our  
Maker ever shall endure, worship your God with a song!

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gradual Hymn: We Will Be Fed With Finest Wheat

Choir: We will be fed with finest wheat

**All: We will be fed with finest wheat. We will be fed with finest wheat and sweet honey from the rock.**

Choir: None who believe will ever thirst

**All: Nor the hungry go unfed.**

Choir: O taste and see that the Lord is good

**All: And God's love never fails.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (6:25-35).

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon:

Rev. Armand Mercier

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;

he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

**Refrain:**

**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.**

He only is the maker of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. **R**

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. **R**

Celebrant: Source of all life,

**All: the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us  
dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our  
labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your  
beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and  
Redeemer...Now with all creation we raise our voices to  
proclaim the glory of your name.

**#735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy  
Lord,**

**God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed

over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks...All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**People:** **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

#747 Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion

Communion Music:#259 For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

O Give Thanks to the Lord (Rawsthorne)  
It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks (Butler)

Celebrant: God of our hope,

**All: in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.  
Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives,  
give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the  
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than  
we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to  
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever  
and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: #403 Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
Love's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

God's law still enforces the stars in their courses  
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Postlude: Thank We All Our God (Manz)

**This week we pray for:** Diocese of Brandon: the Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy, Assisting Bishop. Examining chaplains, theological students, and postulants for ordination in Edmonton diocese. Buyé Diocese, Mbaba Parish: Jeremy Ndikumana, catechist. Whitefish Lake First Nation.

*Next Sunday's Readings:*

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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## Announcements



Join us Tuesday evenings (October 11 to November 8, 2022) at 7pm for an in-person **Book Study** at Christ Church facilitated by Rev. Armand. The discussion is centred on Amy-Jill Levine's book: *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to his Most Perplexing Teachings*. Copies of the book are available for purchase for \$25. For more information contact Rev. Armand: [armand@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:armand@christchurchedm.ca)

The ministry of welcome is vital for **Sidespersons** offer greetings to all who join us for Sunday Holy Eucharist. A training session will be held for new and experienced members. If you would like to volunteer as a sidesperson, please contact Rev. Armand: [armand@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:armand@christchurchedm.ca)

**Messy Church:** Friday, October 28, 2022 at 5pm



A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Please join us as we gather for food and fun! For more information, contact Archdeacon Sue: [sue@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:sue@christchurchedm.ca)

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church is offering a **Grief and Loss Workshop** on Sunday October 16th at noon. Led by Dr. Lynda Phillips, Rob Curtis, Joy Berg and Rev. Armand Mercier, this workshop will include music, stories, learning and theological insights. All are welcome to attend and a light lunch will be provided. Please email [admin@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:admin@christchurchedm.ca) by October 10 to let us know you are coming!

**Flu Clinic at Christ Church** on Oct 23, 2022 after the 10am Sunday Eucharist (care of Pharmasave Westmount Community). Recipients of flu shots must have valid government photo ID and an Alberta Health Care Card. Please email [admin@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:admin@christchurchedm.ca) so we know how many are coming. Extra forms will be available at church but if you wish to fill out the form ahead of time: <https://pharmasave.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Pharmasave-West-2021-2022-Flu-Consent-Form-11-09-21.pdf>